

## ISSUE OF VERACITY BETWEEN OFFICERS

Major Blocksom Says Lieutenant  
Leekie Testified  
Falsely.

## SHOOTING AT BROWNSVILLE

Man Who Ordered First Investi-  
gation on the Stand  
All Day.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 27.—Major A. J. Blocksom, who ordered the first investigation of the affray at Brownsville, Texas, for the War Department, was on the stand practically all of today, but did not conclude. His direct examination was a recital of his inspection of the situation at Fort Brown and a description of the bullet-holes in Brownsville houses. On cross-examination, Senator Foraker called the attention of the witness to the testimony of Lieutenant H. G. Leekie, of the Twenty-sixth Infantry, who said that he had sighted along a groove made by a bullet which struck the Yurria house, and the bullet could not have been fired from the barracks. This statement directly controverted the testimony of Major Blocksom, and he said that Lieutenant Leekie must have testified falsely. This has raised the issue of veracity between the two officers.

Lieutenant Leekie, who was ordered recalled several days ago, arrived at the committee room to-day just as an adjournment was taken. Other witnesses whose testimony was doubted by Major Blocksom are Private Howard, the sentinel on duty at the barracks on the night of the shooting, and Matias Tomayo, a Mexican, who was occupied at the barracks when the shooting began. Both of these declared that no shots were fired into the town from the barracks.

Discussed on Theories.  
Major Blocksom discussed for an hour or more on theories, principally as to how the negroes could have done the shooting and escaped detection. At the Penrose court-martial he testified that there is a decided difference between the bullet used in the Krag-Jorgensen cartridge and the bullet used in the Springfield cartridge.

Senator Foraker took a Krag and a Springfield cartridge in his hand, hiding all except the bullets, and asked the witness to pick out the Springfield. He selected the Krag instead. It was shown there was no difference in the bullet holes in the wall on which Major Blocksom contracted all of the negro witnesses was the time required to clean an army rifle that had been shot ten or a dozen times. He was positive that the guns could be cleaned in two or three minutes. He was sure also that the guns could have been cleaned while the men were moving and in the dark. He said he had had no experience in cleaning guns, however.

## COLD SEVERE IN WEST.

Snow Flurries in Cleveland and Frost in Many Places.  
CLEVELAND, OHIO, May 27.—During the night the temperature here dropped forty-two, or from seventy-eight to thirty-six above zero. There were snow flurries in Cleveland during the day. According to the local weather bureau, snow has never been seen here since the establishment of the bureau in this city.

DETROIT, MICH., May 27.—Snow is reported from all over Michigan to-day, with a veritable winter blizzard prevailing over the Saginaw Valley. Cadillac reports that five inches of snow fell last night, with more coming, and six inches have fallen at Petoskey.

## SON OF MERGENTHALER ARRESTED IN GERMANY

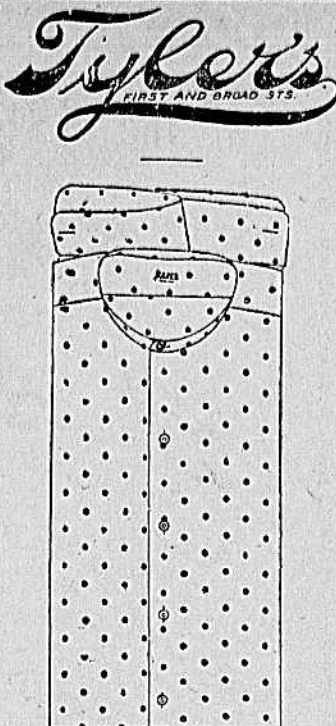
KARLSRUHE, GERMANY, May 27.—A student named Agner Mergenthaler, belonging in Baltimore, who was arrested for dangerously injuring another student in an automobile accident, has been released under \$25,000 bail. He is a son of the inventor of the typesetting machine.

## GOVERNOR OF ARKANSAS MAY DIE ANY MOMENT

GREENWOOD, ARK., May 27.—The death of Governor John R. Little is expected momentarily to-night. All the members of the family have been summoned. He rallied somewhat this afternoon, but lapsed into coma at 8 P. M.

## WILL OF "SILENT" SMITH FILED FOR PROBATE

GOSHEN, N. Y., May 27.—The will of James Henry Smith, the multi-millionaire, who died in Japan while on a world tour around the world, was admitted to probate here to-day. The value of Mr. Smith's estate has been variously estimated at from \$25,000,000 to \$50,000,000.



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## POLICE SEARCHING FOR THE MURDERER

(Continued from First Page.)

later announced that he was not the person who carried the trunk in—These were the developments up to a late hour to-night in what has become known as the "trunk murder" of New York.

Body Still in Morgue.  
The body of the Armenian priest, Rev. Kasper Vartanian, which was found yesterday doubled with the head strapped to the knees, lies in the morgue, positively identified, according to the police, but without clue other than those already provided by the finding of the body.

The arrest in Brooklyn to-night of an Armenian who answered the description of one of the men under suspicion, led to the bringing of Mrs. Sherriff to police headquarters, but she stated positively that this man had nothing to do with the case so far as she knew, and he was released. In the meantime the chemical examination of the organs of the dead priest is progressing, and until the result of this is known the police will not say positively whether or not Father Vartanian was killed by a bullet before he was placed in the trunk.

That robbery was the motive for the crime, the police believe. The suggestion that the priest was killed as a result of disclosure of a plot to seize the throne of Serbia was not credited by the bishop in charge of the local field to-day.

how many men were implicated, whether or not a secret society was in any way connected with it, remain questions as yet unanswered.

Place of Crime Uncertain.  
A house on Tenth Avenue and the room where the body was found have been under investigation, and there are many circumstances which lend the detectives to think that either may have been the scene of the crime. The connection of a secret society with the killing has remained more or less of a vague suggestion.

Captain Stephen O'Brien, of the West Thirty-seventh Street Precinct, said at midnight that the movements of the priest had been traced up to noon of last Wednesday, when he was seen to enter the house at No. 333 West Thirty-seventh Street. No one saw Father Vartanian after this so far as can be ascertained. Captain O'Brien expressed the belief that the murder was committed in the room where the trunk was found.

## COTTON CONFERENCE OPENS IN VIENNA

VIENNA, May 27.—The International Cotton Conference was opened here to-day. There are over 250 delegates in attendance, and the sessions will last for three days. To-day Mr. McCormick, for Great Britain, and Mr. Harvie Jordan, for the United States, delivered addresses, in which they reviewed the efforts of their respective governments to put a stop to illegitimate speculation in cotton. The delegates were received by Emperor Franz Joseph, the Hofburg this afternoon and were briefly welcomed to Vienna by His Majesty.

## RICHMOND LOST THE SPANISH WAR VETERANS

SANDUSKY, O., May 27.—Announcement was made here this evening that Cedar Point, a summer resort near here, will be the scene of the National Convention of United Spanish War Veterans, September 9th, 10th and 11th. The change has been made, it is stated, because of the inability of Oklahoma City, Okla., to fulfill promises made pertaining to arrangements for the convention.

Cedar Point had as contestants St. Paul, Saratoga, Richmond and Norfolk, Va.

## ROOSEVELTS HAVE BAD DAY FOR TRIP

Rode to Mount Vernon and  
Were Drenched and Covered  
With Mud.

## SPORT WAS FINE, HOWEVER

Had to Seek Shelter in Farm-  
House While Thunder  
Rolled.

WASHINGTON, May 27.—A mud-bespattered party, at the head of which was President Roosevelt, got off a car of the Washington, Alexandria and Mount Vernon Electric Railway here shortly before 6 o'clock this afternoon. They had been on a visit to Mount Vernon, part of the trip being by horseback, and had been caught in a heavy shower. As the result of a storm, the roads were in a fearful condition, and as the riders progressed they were splashed from head to foot with mud. Other members of the party besides the President were Mrs. Roosevelt, Miss Ethel Roosevelt, Postmaster-General Meyer and Captain Fitzhugh Lee, one of the President's military aides. The trip in many respects was a "rough riding" one.

The President has explored on horseback much of the country about Washington lying north of the Potomac River. He has also made occasional trips across the river west of Washington. He was anxious, however, to make the longer trip to Mount Vernon, and several days ago planned to-day's excursion. The day broke cloudy and heavy, but by 10 o'clock the sun began shining dimly through the clouds, and the prospects seemed good for fair weather. The party accordingly started at 11 o'clock.

The distance from Washington to Mount Vernon is sixteen miles. The trip to Alexandria was made by trolley in half an hour, the party occupying a special car.

Had to Seek Shelter.  
At the city outskirts the President's orderly, McDermott, was awaiting the party with two good saddle-horses. It took but a few minutes for the party to mount and get off.

Four miles from Alexandria a severe storm overtook them. Before they could find shelter all of them got drenched. Finally they came to an unoccupied farmhouse, and sought shelter under the "lean to" at the rear for half an hour. There was a remarkably heavy downpour of rain and vivid flashes of lightning, accompanied by peals of thunder.

Returned in the Rain.  
Rain was still falling lightly as the party again took up the trip to Mount Vernon, which was reached about 2 o'clock. Here Colonel Denio, the superintendent of the grounds, gave them a cordial welcome and showed them over the grounds and mansion. There were a number of visitors at Mount Vernon, and the President shook hands with them.

Lunch was served, and at 3:30 o'clock the party were ready to return to Washington; but again rain set in and delayed them fifteen minutes. Then the sun shone out, and the party set off for Washington.

No Mishaps in Mud.  
"The ride up to Alexandria was slippery and muddy," said one of the party to-night, "but there were no mishaps." At Alexandria the party boarded the special car for the remaining seven miles.

President Roosevelt was the first to alight from the car when it reached Washington. He and Mrs. Roosevelt and Miss Ethel at once went to the White House, where the President resumed his work at the executive offices. He showed every evidence of having enjoyed his rather eventful outing.

## NO EXECUTION IN GUATEMALA

President Cabrera Will Probably  
Instruct Court to  
Acquit.

CITY OF MEXICO, May 27.—Guatemala will not summarily execute the nineteen men now in prison, charged with complicity in the alleged attempt made upon the life of President Carr. The State Department received a note to-night from its representative in Guatemala City, Guatemala, to the effect that the matter had been sent to the Court of Second Instance for revision. It is believed here that Cabrera will probably instruct the court to acquit.

## RICHMOND BANK WINS ITS SUIT

Oxford and Coastwise Railroad  
Must Pay Full Value of  
Bonds.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 27.—The Supreme Court of the United States to-day refused to review the case of the Oxford and Coastwise Railroad Company, of North Carolina, versus Union Bank of Richmond, Va., which was decided by the Circuit Court of Appeals for the fourth circuit favorably to the bank. The effect of the court's action is to hold the railroad company responsible for \$15,000 worth of bonds issued by the town of Oxford, the validity of which it was held, the company had guaranteed.

## MICHIGAN IS FOR ROOSEVELT

State Senate Passes Resolution  
Demanding His Nomination.

DETROIT, MICH., May 27.—A Free Press special from Lansing, Mich., says: The State Senate to-night passed a concurrent resolution demanding that President Roosevelt be re-elected for a second elective term as President of the United States. The resolution, which was introduced by Senator James Kinnane, of Kalamazoo, went through without dissent, except for a quiet suggestion by Senator Fulton that a national convention was the proper place for such a resolution.

## STOCKS HAMMERED UNDER LIQUIDATION

Driven Down in New York to  
the Lowest Point of the  
Year.

## CAUSED BY THE WHEAT BOOM

Upward Jump in Cotton Also Re-  
sponsible for the Big  
Decline.

NEW YORK, May 27.—With the price of wheat and cotton booming upward the values of stocks as quoted on the New York Stock Exchange turned downward under persistent liquidation again to-day and scored losses ranging from 5-14 to 2 points for the leaders. Opening weak, the market continued its downward trend until the closing hour, when profit-taking by the bears checked the movement and brought about recovery of a point or more in the most active stocks.

The break in prices was attributed to persistent selling, much of which was said to come from Western houses, actuated by the report of damage to the wheat crop by frosts. Professional bears took quick advantage of the selling, and gave the movement vigorous assistance. Reading, which has been the leader in several similar movements lately, was one of the earliest to succumb to the urgent liquidation, dropping 3-12 points in the first hour. Union Pacific, Canadian Pacific, Amalgamated Copper, Smelting, Southern Railway, St. Paul and Brooklyn Rapid Transit were swept into the wave of liquidation and throughout the forenoon recorded steadily dropping prices.

Decline Partly Checked.  
Temporary support afforded to some of the most active stocks checked the decline soon after noon, but an engagement of \$500,000 gold for shipment to Paris gave the bear traders renewed courage, and after 1 o'clock prices crumbled away until new low records for the year were established in some.

By 2 o'clock Canadian Pacific was down seven points from Saturday's close; Reading six, Smelting five, St. Paul and Illinois Central 4-14, Union Pacific 4-3-8, and Amalgamated Copper 3-3-8.

In the closing hour a rush of the shorts to take their profits of the day rallied prices a point or more. Among the net losses for the day were: Amalgamated Copper, 2-7-8; Smelting, 4; Canadian Pacific, 5-1-4; St. Paul 3-1-8; Brooklyn Rapid Transit, 4-5-8; Union Pacific, 3; and Southern Pacific, 2-1-2.

## TILTON FUNERAL VERY PATHETIC

Less Than Thirty-Five Persons  
in Chapel Where Service  
Was Held.

PARIS, May 27.—The funeral service over the body of Theodor Tilton took place to-day in the little chapel of the American church on the Rue de Berri, and was very pathetic. Less than thirty persons were present, principally members of the American colony, including the Duchess de La Rochefoucauld and her mother, Mrs. Mitchell, wife of former Senator Mitchell, of Oregon.

Dr. Goodrich, the pastor officiated. Only two carriages were sent by the Monte Parnasse Cemetery, where the interment occurred.

## WOMAN IN BLUE SENT TO ASYLUM

Miss Case, Who Annoyed the  
President, Taken from  
Jail.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 27.—Miss Isabella Emerson Case, known as the "Woman in Blue," who, by reason of continued efforts to see President Roosevelt, was placed under arrest last week, was to-day committed to St. Elizabeth's Asylum for the Insane, after the receipt of a telegram from Haverhill, Mass., to the effect that her father, Simon Case, who was informed of his daughter's confinement here, had absolutely declined to have anything to do with her.

## WATER COMPANY WON SUIT AGAINST CITY

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 27.—The case of the city of Leesburg, Miss., vs. the Water Works Company of that city, an effort on the part of the company to prevent the city from enforcing certain ordinances looking to the reduction of water rates, was decided by the Supreme Court of the United States to-day favorably to the company. The case arose in connection with the company's efforts to annul its thirty-year contract with the city in 1886, of its view to constructing water works of its own.

## ATTEMPT MADE TO BURN TOWN OF ELKTON.

ELKTON, MD., May 27.—The breaking out of four fires at different times early to-day has created the belief that an attempt was made to burn the town. In each case kerosene was used. The first was started by the town of Elkton, which has offered a reward of \$250 for the arrest and conviction of the firebug. The concerns which suffered losses are Robert B. Frazer, druggist; Watkins Photograph Studio, and the stables occupied by Rambo & George. King's Hardware Store was ignited, but the fire was extinguished without damage.



## LAST MAN ON PANEL WAS DISQUALIFIED

Haywood Case Is Postponed  
Until Next Friday  
Morning.

## JUDGE RESENTS CHARGE

Defense Claims That Labor  
Union Men Are Kept Off  
the Jury.

BOISE, IDAHO, May 27.—The Steunenberg murder trial has again been interrupted by the exhaustion of the jury panel. The last man of the second special venire was disqualified this afternoon, and Judge Fremont Wood postponed the trial until Friday morning, when Sheriff Hildreth is to produce another special venire of sixty-one men. The odd number was judicially asked for by the defense in the hope of changing the luck that has dogged the even numbers used.

The work of filling the jury is stopped at the vacancy created by the eleventh peremptory challenge, so that there remain three more peremptory challenges. Besides that, there is a chance that Toutellotte, who objected to the infliction of the death penalty, save in case of an anarchy, will be excused when it comes time to swear the jury. These circumstances leave the date for the completion of the jury in doubt.

Prior to the issuance of the new venire, E. F. Richardson, for the defense, strongly intimated that the previous lists had been made up in a manner unfair to the prisoner.

He said that of the 5,000 citizens available for jury duty, fully 1,200 were members of labor unions. One hundred and sixty taxmen had been before the court, yet only one of the before the court was a member of a labor union and only two others were workmen. He protested against the drawing of taxmen from the farmer and mercantile classes rather than from the main body of citizens.

Judge Wood, in reply, said that he had absolute confidence in Sheriff Hildreth, and said that he would make no suggestion to him as to the manner in which he made up his lists.

Scrupulous against capital punishment and prejudice against the acceptance of circumstantial evidence, rather than opinions that gave bias, were the stumbling blocks of the defense. Judge Wood said that he would make no suggestion to him as to the manner in which he made up his lists.

## FOUR SHOT IN MACON. Pelleman, Two Indians and Negro Prisoner Injured.

MACON, GA., May 27.—The arrest of two drunken negroes by Police Officer J. A. Coley to-night led to the wounding of that officer, two bystanders and the probable fatal wounding of one of the negroes, George Stapleton. While being taken to the station one of the negroes wrenched the officer's club from him and both prisoners broke away. Coley fired at Stapleton, and was then attacked by him with the club and a knife, but the negro was shot twice by another officer, before he had reached Coley. The second negro, who is still at large, is thought to have fired shots that hit Henry Bonney and W. J. Arnold, two white bystanders.

## JUDGE WON'T PRESIDE AT TRIAL OF HARGIS

SANDY HOOK, N. Y., May 27.—Special Judge Redwine to-day refused to preside in the trials of Judge Hargis and his alleged co-conspirators, charged with the murder of Dr. Cox. Governor Beckham therefore must appoint a special judge. Judge Redwine said the cases had been transferred here without his knowledge or consent, and because of certain statements made in Richmond he felt that it would be impossible for him to preside. Judge Redwine's action necessitates the continuance of the trials until October.

## MR. KAHN'S CLASS.

Pupils Render Excellent Musical Program at Y. M. C. A.  
The seventh annual spring recital by the pupils of Mr. Sigmund Kahn packed the large auditorium of the Young Men's Christian Association last night to its doors. The excellent program rendered, and which included both vocal and instrumental selections from the world's most noted composers, was indeed a fitting close for one of the most successful seasons Mr. Kahn has experienced since he took up his work here in Richmond.

Each performer was accorded a great ovation and presented with a huge bunch of flowers, which were banked high along the front of the stage. The exercises closed with the presentation of a diploma to Miss Lena Masasel by Rev. Dr. E. N. Calisch. The program for the evening follows:

1. Overture, "Lennore, No. 3" (Beethoven), Lizzie La Fratta, Johnnie Smith.
2. "Rondo Capriccioso" (Mendelssohn), Helen Galeski.
3. "Lovely Spring," for soprano (Coe), Louise Jenkins.
4. "Polca Brillant" (Weber), Johnnie Smith.
5. "Polonaise," piano quartet (Kramer), Mamie Walsh, Bessie Walker, Mabel Davis, Rosa Grabenberger.
6. "Ungarischer Sturm" (Marschner), Lizzie La Fratta, Johnnie Smith.
7. "Adelaide," for alto (Beethoven), Gladys Mellan.
8. "Polonaise," in A flat (Chopin), Lizzie La Fratta.
9. "Fantasia de Concert" (Tschakovsky), with second piano accompaniment, Lena Masasel.
10. "Cavatina," from the opera "Roberto Diaboli" (Meyerbeer), Mollie La Masasel.
11. "Tarentella," in D minor (Rubinstein), Emma Lesser.
12. "Ballade," in G minor (Chopin), Lena Masasel.
13. "Polonaise, No. 12" (Liszt), Irma Thalheimer.

## FORMER CONVICTS CASE LIKE THAT OF JANUARY

WEST PLAINS, MO., May 27.—A deputy warden of Nashville, Tenn., penitentiary to-day arrested G. A. Watkins, a farmer, on the charge of being an escaped convict. Watkins admitted the charge. While serving a sentence of four years for burglary, he escaped in 1882. He fled to North Carolina, married and came here. He has lived near West Plains as a respected farmer for seventeen years.

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The Chinese bankers have organized a steam launch patrol of the coast to prevent piratical attacks on the part of marauders from the seaward. The Chinese government has ordered the local police to prevent excesses here.

German Mission Destroyed.  
BERLIN, May 27.—According to dispatches received here from Shanghai and Hong Kong, native rioters have destroyed the German mission station at Lenchow, near Pakhoi. The missionaries escaped. The German gunboat Illis, reinforced by twenty marines from the gunboat Tsingtau, has left for Kiangsu for Fokho and it is expected that a British gunboat will also be sent to that part.

According to advices received by the German Cable Company from Shanghai, disturbances have also broken out at Pakhoi, and the situation there, as far as at Lenchow, is apparently serious.

Four Missionaries There.  
NEW YORK, May 27.—Four missionaries of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions are now stationed at Lien Chow, according to a statement made at the office of the board of this city to-day. They are Rev. John S. Cunkle, who lately returned to Lien Chow, after a furlough in England; the Rev. F. Edwards and his wife and Miss Edith Patterson. They have been in the mission field so long that their home addresses are not accessible at the office of the board in this city. Since the outbreak of 1905, the Presbyterian missions at Lien Chow have been reestablished, but are not connected in any way with the German Mission, the destruction of which is regarded at Berlin.

Information of the trouble at Lien Chow has been received from the Presbyterian missionaries.

## Opportunity in Mexico.

The young American with a few thousand dollars, good health and a good constitution, who is willing to come to Mexico and learn the business, can make money as a cattle buyer and raiser. It will be necessary for him to go out into the country and acquire a practical knowledge of the language and the business on the ground. Gradually, as he becomes familiar with the markets and local conditions, he can buy a few cattle to sell, then he can acquire a little land, select his stock with reference to conditions as he has actually learned them, and so build up quite a business as a rancher. All this, as stated, depends on good health and the very necessary factor of some capital.

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